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NHS TO SPONSOR 2ND ANNUAL SOUTH WARD COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

NEWARK—A community conference entitled "Organizing for a better South Ward" has been scheduled for Saturday, August 10, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Good Neighbor Baptist Church located on 100 Chancellor Avenue in Newark, New Jersey. The conference featuring Dr. Lenworth Gunther as keynote speaker is sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of Newark through its community organizing program. Claire Emeryson, NHS Community Affairs Coordinator said the conference has changed from being a Weequahic event to include all of South Ward.

PROGRAM PROVIDES ORANGE WITH FUNDING FOR CITY IMPROVEMENTS

ORANGE—Mayor Robert L. Brown announced the confirmation of over a half million dollars in revenue to be received by the city from the Community Block Grant Funding Program (CDBG). Twelve projects totaling \$635,000 were funded and earmarked for the rehabilitation of streets, curbs, and sidewalks and also provides funding for some of the specific groups in Orange as well as the promotion of new business, affordable housing, and transitional housing for the homeless and former drug addicts.

8TH ANNUAL ORANGE NIGHT MAGIC NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

ORANGE—Residents are once again being invited to join millions of citizens and law enforcement agencies across the nation in supporting "National Night Out" on August 6. National Night Out is a unique crime and drug prevention program. From 8 p.m. - 10 p.m., neighborhoods are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outdoors on porches, lawns, front stoops, etc.

The State cometh for the Paterson Board of Ed

Commentary by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON—The four-month-long impending state takeover of the long-troubled Paterson school district is now a fact in the City. Come September, the Board of Education headquarters will have new administrative occupants and a significant face-change, with purported objectives of educational renewal.

But the first moving van from Trenton arrived last Monday, at 33 Church Street, the district's office. It seems the State Department of Education is wasting no time with its representatives' testing of the local waters, apparently so the state's bureaucracy can hit the ground running when the new school year commences.

Except for a few spots at public Board of Education meetings, where a few people from the audience, notably the Rev. J.J. Robinson of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, recently threatened organized demonstrations and a boycott of Paterson's downtown businesses, no support for either side of the takeover issue has yet materialized.

In April Commissioner of Education John Ellis released a Comprehensive Compliance Investigation report that slammed the Board of Education and Paterson Superintendent Frank Napier Jr. against the ropes, documenting financial and administrative mismanagement

Mutual Benefit and Newark Takeover effects are too soon to tell

by Stacey Peterson

NEWARK—THE RECENT GOVERNMENTAL TAKEOVER OF Mutual Benefit Life Company has sent shockwaves through the insurance industry and prompts questions on how this drastic turn of events will effect one of its beneficiaries—the city of Newark.

The Newark-based company has been a mainstay in the city and has been considered a valued member of the community. Although some city officials recognize the severity of the takeover, they are not willing to speculate on just what all of this could mean for the steadily rebuilding metropolis.



Political Commentary

Miseducation and miseducators— imperfect together

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

With the release of the results of the new 11th grade High School Proficiency Test, we have once again been confronted with the sad reality that our children are being totally miseducated in the public schools. Urban school districts such as Atlantic City, East Orange, Orange, Trenton, Irvington, Plainfield, Paterson, Newark, Camden, New Brunswick, and Jersey City registered some of the lowest scores in the state.

In addition to the poor results, it was revealed that in several of

these school districts, less than half of the students eligible to take the exam showed up for the test. Of course, this is leading to speculation that the results would have even been worse, since students who were not expected to do well might have been deliberately sneaked away from taking the exam. Education Commissioner John Ellis has supposedly requested that the director of the State's testing department investigate why so many students were absent for the test.

Regardless of the findings, the summation won't change much—
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Partisan debates over Thomas recall 100- year-old arguments

by Larry A. Still

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NPA)—The simmering controversy over the nomination of Federal Appeals Court Judge Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court appears to be developing into an all-out, partisan battle between black Democratic and Republican party leaders as the "Council of 100" challenged the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) campaign to block the presidential appointment.

The Council of 100, a national organization of black Republicans announced support of Thomas for the Associate Justice position in a statement on behalf of its members and constituents, said Milton Bins, chairman. The organization "is composed mostly of business and professional persons whose goal is to impact on the involvement of Black Americans in affairs of the Republican party," he explained.

Referring to the predominantly Democratic CBC action in

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"It's too premature to say," said newly-instated Newark Municipal Council President, Donald Tucker.

Calling it a "grave situation," he explained that a lot of the city's anticipated revenue for the budget comes from taxes on the insurance company.

He said that part of the Newark's revenue coming from insurance companies located in the city amounts to about \$5 million. It is too early to tell what percentage of that may be lost from Mutual Benefit Life.

Bill Chouinard, head of public affairs at the Newark Area

Chamber of Commerce agreed that nothing could really be determined at this stage of the game.

He said the situation is "tenuous" at the moment but no one has any real feeling on how things are going to turn out for
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The Mangosuthu Buthelezi millions don't know

by Daniel Marolen

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NPA)—Although Chief Mangosuthu G. Buthelezi, Kwa-Zulu Homeland's and INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY's leader has often been erroneously and maliciously portrayed as a "puppet" of the South African regime, his political image keeps growing.

Agricorpe of the royal house of the Zulu nation, he heads his people's forced Bantustan, as well as his own branch, the INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP), ANC's foremost rival for

black leadership in South Africa.

Only a few months ago, Buthelezi was desperately fighting for a place in the forthcoming black-white negotiations to form a new non-racial and democratic constitution for South Africa. But his image had been badly tarnished by his detractors, foes, and rivals who also opposed him for saying that sanctions imposed against South Africa hurt his fellow Africans by causing unemployment.

But Buthelezi's comeback has been swift and dramatic, and his IFP graduated from the status of a cultural organization to the



largest black liberation movement in the land, and boasts a paid
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Preschoolers visit the mayor

Orange Mayor Robert L. Brown was visited by eight preschoolers from the Orange School System's Preschool Handicapped Program July 18. They were treated to a tour of the Orange Fire Department, Baby Clinic, Recreation, and Mayor's offices. Each child received a personalized packet of materials including a safety coloring book, and burn safety materials. Left to right: Seated Michael Griffin and Christopher Jones; standing Mayor Brown.



Council seeks ways to thwart drug dealers' public phone usage

NEWARK—Newark's South Ward Councilman Donald Bradley, chairman of the council's communications committee met this week with representatives of New Jersey Bell Telephone Company for the purpose of exploring ways to thwart the use of public phones on the streets of Newark for the purpose of trafficking in
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along with accumulative failures of state monitoring over a 15-year-period. Such a report signals a state takeover of a local school district.

After months of sometimes vehement recalcitrations by some board members to an impending state takeover of the district, the board finally conceded in a 6-3 vote, amicably avoiding a court date with the Department of Education on August 7.

Although some parents of school children admit being comfortable with the transition at the district headquarters, others with lingering doubts may be echoed in comments Paterson City Council President "Marty" Barnes reportedly made to a reporter.

"The board has never really made decisions in the best interests of the children. I am appalled that they are giving the state a blank check," Barnes said.



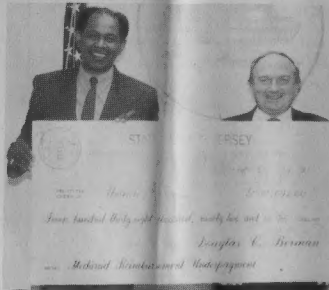
Mayor Sharpe James and Essex County Executive Thomas J. D'Alesio (center) announce the Third Annual, "Mayor Sharpe James and D'Alesio are joined by Asha-Bollettieri Newark Tennis Program youngsters, and (left to right): Bob Davis, tournament coordinator; Ron Johnson, former New York Giant and Joe Rivers, both of Minority Athletes Networking (MAN) co-sponsors Jerry of Anheuser-Busch; tournament co-coordinator, Johnny Sample; and Mark Lewis and John Smith, representing Anheuser-Busch and PSEG respectively.

CITY PEOPLE

People On the Move...

Adam A. MacNeill of Orange has been appointed to the Orange Planning Board by Mayor Robert L. Brown. Cynthia M. Jacob, a partner in the Somerset law firm of Collier, Jacob and Sweet and the secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association, has been appointed to serve on the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Board of Trustees. Dr. William Kelly Jones, Jr., has joined the Nabisco Foods Company as director of nutrition research. Mayor Sharpe James was recently inducted into the National Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. ... **Carl MacDonald**, newly-appointed Veterans' Commission chairman and co-chairman of the Newark Mayor's Office of Employment and Training's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program won the "Stand Down" Scholarship Award from the Vietnam Veterans' Organization. ... Sharon Johnson of Columbia, who is Affirmative Action officer at Union County College, has been awarded a certificate for completing requirements for the Center for Management Development at Rutgers University. ... **Delene Cox**, chief nursing administrator for the University of Medicine & Dentistry (Newark), has been named one of 16 White House Fellows for 1991-1992.

Gail S. Bruner has been nominated for the National Teacher of the Year Award by Dr. James Munday, Assistant Superintendent of the Lower Camden County Regional High School District. Mrs. Bruner has been a Health and Physical Education teacher at Edgewood Junior High School for the last 20 years, and an educator for 25 years.



Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Finance Chairman Gerald B. Green (left) and Board Chairman James Connolly Welch display a symbolic "big" check representing \$738,082 refund. The county recently received the money when the Board was victorious in appealing what they maintained was the State's inadequate level of Medicaid reimbursement for Rutgers Specialized Hospital patients from 1977 through 1983.

PHS Class of '51 holds October reunion

Plainfield High School Class of 1951 is holding its 40th Class Reunion on the fourth weekend in October. A Reunion Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, October 26 at the Pines in Edison, featuring the "Big Band Sound" of the 40's and 50's by The Starbusters. A Sunday brunch is planned in the reunion hotel, The Clarion, across the street from the Pines.

For details and reservations, classmates should contact Class President, Paul O'Keefe, 908-757-0356 or Committee Chair,

Maurice Corrigan, at 908-755-4521. Family members of classmates should feel free to call also to help us update our data files.



July Incentive Awards winners shown during a recent ceremony with Newark Mayor Sharpe James. All the winners received plaques from the Mayor along with \$250 from the program's co-sponsors, radio station WNNK-FM from left: Shirley Dew, Barbara Stewart, James and Selma Turner who were all named Citizens of the Month.

Firefighters lauded for bravery

NEWARK — Seven Newark firefighters recently received three commendations from the Newark Fire Department for "unselfish acts of bravery during life threatening fire emergencies."

The commendations were awarded to Firefighters John Perdisat, engine company 18; Jeffrey Lukowski, engine company 9; Captain Carl Pinal, and Firefighters Arthur Mauriello and Michael Nasta of truck company 9, and Captain Michael Kelly and Firefighter William Brownlee, of engine company 6.

Perdisat received his award for rescuing a small child from an apartment building without the protection of a hoseline, on April 12, 1991.

On March 11, 1991, Lukowski received a telephone call from a distraught woman who had her car stuck in a suicide attempt. He kept her on the line and persuaded her not to injure herself further until the Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service and the Newark Police Department arrived.

The third commendation, received by Captains Carl Pinal and Michael Kelly and Firefighters Arthur Mauriello, Michael Nasta and William Brownlee, was for their swift, courageous and coordinated efforts in the rescue of two children and three adults during a fire on October 17, 1990. Mayor Sharpe James commended the firefighters for their outstanding acts of bravery. "It is gratifying and inspiring to know that heroic bravery is not limited to Hollywood movies," he said. "Real courage has been displayed by the decorated firefighters who along with the other members of the fire department risk their lives everyday to protect the lives and property of our City's residents."

Fire Director Stanley Kossup, also applauding the firefighters said, "Their teamwork and coordinated actions undoubtedly averted a tragic loss of lives and properties."

"Each of these men showed great courage and dedication in saving lives and property in the face of personal safety. They responded above and beyond the call of duty and deserve special recognition for their deeds. They are a credit to the highest traditions and ideals of the Newark Fire Department."

Islamic leader speaks at Essex County College

by Stacey Peterson

NEWARK — Members of the Senegalese Muslim Islamic Community in America gathered at Essex County College last Thursday to honor African religious leader, Cheikh Mourada M'Backe, on the day named after his father, Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba.

More than 300 Muslim followers packed the Mary B. Burch Auditorium on "Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba Day" to hear several speakers praise the leader and his son for opening the doors of Islam to the world.

Featured lecturers included Dr. Lenworth Gurner, professor at ECC, as well as religious leaders, Cheikh Sam M'Baye, and Cheikh Salou Salam.

Also, Newark Municipal Council President Donald Tucker presented a commendation from the council in recognition of the event, and Richard Thigpen of Congressman Donald Payne's office expressed the congressman's welcome to the African leaders.

Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba, born in 1853, is responsible for spreading Islam throughout Africa in the 19th Century. As his popularity and authority grew, French leaders, who colonized Senegal, the tried to quell his messages. The French wanted Christianity to persevere but the Cheikh did not agree.

After being arrested in 1895 and exiled for the next eight years, he managed to retain the respect and influence he had before he left.

Although dying in 1927, Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba has left quite a legacy, beginning with his son who has followed in his father's footsteps.

Cheikh Mourada M'Backe is the head of "The El Hazz Cultural Institute," which is a large religious and cultural institution. The institute, which is located in Senegal, is comprised of 285 schools with 585 classes, 539 teachers, and 40,087 students. He has plans to extend the institute's activities to the Ivory Coast, France, and the United States.

Since 1987, due to a decision by then Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins, "Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba Day" is celebrated each year in 11th Avenue.

Several events and stops between the New York and New Jersey area have been planned for the Cheikh's stay which lasts until July 31.

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Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



Racial insults

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NPA) — Last week, I received several letters from readers who criticized two columns that I wrote in which I opposed the use of the word "nigger." Here are excerpts from two of the letters:

1) "How can you be so sensitive to the use of the word 'nigger,' when Blacks use it all the time? I am a white man, and I don't try to degrade anybody. But Blacks don't seem to know what they want to be called," says Mr. C. of Texas.

2) "Yeah, NIGGER is hip, when us brothers use it. We don't mean any harm by it. Sometimes even my good white friends call me NIGGER, but they are just being friendly," says Mr. B. of Chicago.

Every word that we use, whether we know it or not, has some measurable effect upon us, good or bad, major or minor, hidden or obvious, conscious or subconscious. You don't always notice it, but, in effect, you have been brainwashed. The effect is deep in the psyche, deep in the subconscious.

For instance, if someone told you that the delicious pudding you had just eaten was actually made of cockroaches, you would probably get sick and want to vomit. But, if a second later they told you they were just joking, you would no longer feel sick. You would feel foolish.

If someone behind you shouted, "watch out, there's a vicious dog behind you," you would crouch down behind you. But, if someone told you that a rabbit was behind you, you would say, "so what."

All words trigger certain kinds of behaviors, feelings and thoughts. Many of your reactions are so quick, that you do not realize that you are reacting. But you are. Both the person who

uses the word and the listener are affected, to some degree. A person who calls you "nigger" feels good, but you feel bad. You can feel confident, lose your confidence, feel good, had, happy or sad.

American society has already placed deep psychological triggers in the subconscious of Black people, so that you are made to feel inferior, even when a person simply refuses to touch you or to speak to you.

Mr. C. of Texas says that even Blacks "don't know what they want to be called." The truth is that some Blacks do know what they want to be called and some don't. Mr. W. in his apparently presumptuous or prejudiced remark, regarding all Blacks fails to mention the white... and people of other races who don't "know" what they want to be called, either.

He also fails to mention that Blacks did not initially name themselves "niggers, colorados, negroes," or the other insulting names created by their oppressors, to degrade them.

Blacks and people of any group, should react vehemently and quickly to any name that degrades them, whether by accident or intent. They should oppose such names in newspapers, books, radio or TV, in the movies and by insulting comedians in nightclubs.

You may think that you are not being injured, but every time a degrading term is used in your presence, another chip is being sliced away from your feeling of self-respect. You have the personal responsibility, for your own mental health, to attack anyone who attacks you, verbally or otherwise. Psychological injury is often permanent. Attack it now before it destroys your psychologically.

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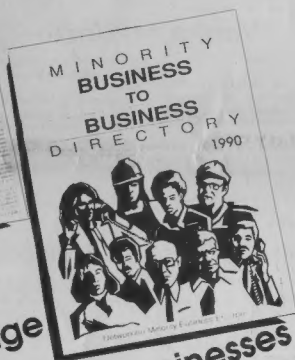
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Seeking justice through pride, peace, unity, and love

It's very inspiring to see African Americans and other minorities working together toward the goal of vindicating the many injustices that have been taking place throughout lifetimes, and all too frequently lately.

The incidents are now happening as repetitively as the ratt tat tat of a machine gun firing. Too often now, the names of everyday citizens are virtually becoming household words. Rodney King...Tasha Meigs...Santana Hannah...Shaun Potts...the list goes on.

But, the tragedies have stimulated some new, true leaders, leaders illustrating that the fight for freedom and equality has not died but has been restored with a strong vengeance.

The leaders are not some guardians appointed by the establishment to quell tempers, but are people from and of the community - mothers, ministers, young men, teachers - citizens who are motivated by a sense of what is right, and not by what can make them famous and place them in the limelight.

The attitudes, the endeavors, and the means have all been positive. The marches, speeches, and rallies, which sometimes have been put together on the spur of the moment, are giving people the opportunity to fight against the wrongs of society, catch those in charge with egg on their faces, and promote peace peacefully.

by Connie Woodruff

Dr. Lenworth Gunther of Essex County College, a candidate for public office perhaps as early as 1992?

Two weeks ago I would have said, "Rubbish! Humbug. A wild rumor." But after the black dinner in his honor last Sunday, I agree with some of his advocates that more unlikely men than Lennie were also unbelievable at one time.

Gunther, a native of Caribbean Harlem, a long time Newark activist and now a resident of East Orange, is best known as a historian, lecturer, cable TV personality, and Pan-African activist. During his 25 years as a scholar, he has become the contemporary gun of black studies in New Jersey and for a decade has been one of the busiest speakers on the lecture circuit.

He has two successful television programs, "Impact!" aired on Suburban Cablevision Channel 3 and "Eye on Essex," an educational program sponsored by Essex County College.

He was honored for 25 years of public service by the Organization of African American Unity (O.A.A.U.) last week and despite a torrential downpour more than 300 guests turned up for the gala event.

I was pleased to serve as co-M.C. with Dr. Leonard Jeffries, New York City College's black history guru and to share the Gunther love-fest with "loose cannons" like Essex County Prosecutor Herbert H. Tate, Jr., Dr. E. Wyman Garrett (of Newark), Dr. Adewale Troutman (who sent a poem), Clarence Jones of Essex County College, Jack Parrell of the Minority Health Network, State Department of Health, Morris Haywood cablevision producer, and Richard S. Glover.

Jeffrey R. Marshall, president of O.A.A.U., praised Gunther as a "person who has given of his time and energy to provide historical insight to our youth and young

adults, strengthening their understanding of themselves, their heritage and their Afrocentric values."

Nowhere in its mission does O.A.A.U. mention political involvement but many of its members are politically active in local communities. Rather the organization stresses strengthening cultural, economic, scientific and social ties, and the manifesto includes the phrase "Save Our Children."

Admittedly the group's primary focus is Newark and a role it can play in the city's "revitalization" efforts. Since many members work in the school system with an appreciable number of graduates of Essex County College, Rutgers-Newark, NJIT and Seton Hall Universities, it is understandable education and re-educating black youths will also be emphasized.

It was therefore not surprising that when politics crept into the conversation several members admitted they are not adverse to bringing new faces into the state's political arena. "Faces not identifiable to the state quo," said one member well known in political circles.

Of course when the question was put to Dr. Gunther, he said the thought has never crossed his mind.

And then we reminded him of his stint as a member of the East Orange Board of Education. And numerous speeches he has given against drugs and for education as a way out of the ghetto. We even reminisced about the '60s when he served his head as an angry young man and wore dashikis and thongs and marched with the student agitators who helped to establish Essex County College as a landmark.

The image of that Lennie Gunther is no longer visible because the popular black history professor is now forty-something. But, you know, institutions are the best beat quickens when one talks about the still slow progress of

black folks in New Jersey and one of the whereabouts of the 500,000 blacks in today's world.

And unless I'm very mistaken his eyes twinkled when it was suggested that many of yesterday's angry young black men are today's dejected officials working within the system to bring about real change.

Gunther assured me he's still an angry man because of the plight of young black men and continued efforts to destroy this population, misdeeds, drugs, chronic poverty, and powerlessness.

And then he quoted James Baldwin saying, "If you show me a black man in America who is not angry, I will show you a nigger in need of psychiatric help."

Now that was typical Lennie Gunther without the frills, fanfare and polite language he's more apt to use in 1991 than was his choice in the hey days of the 1960's black revolution.

Sparks of revolta, one is brewing in white communities throughout Essex County now that taxpayers have found the 74 confidential aides hired by the board are costing them \$626,292 a year.

This week the U.S. Attorney general's Office opened another and on a federal grand jury issued subpoenas ordering the freeloader board to turn over personnel files dating back to 1986.

It appears the nine-member, part-time freeloader board employs 74 confidential aides who have no job descriptions, written duties, or specific hours of work.

Most of the aides are past and present party leaders and loyalists who earn salaries and other benefits ranging from a low of \$550 a week to a whopping \$62,287 a year for as few as 22 hours a week.

Sparks are kindred by that fact fewer than 20 people of color are among the favored 74 and that even a smaller percentage are paid more than a pittance for their time and efforts.

To add insult to injury, one of

the three black freeloader has two white aides. One is a former livingstone police director and the other is the town's Democratic chairman.

Other freeloader has relatives among the 74 confidential aides and relatives of friends who are former county elected officials and at least one sitting Essex County mayor.

Several lawyers are included among the confidential aides as are ex-police men and at least one moribund victim is also a former Youth House director, and a West Ward vice chairlady.

According to informed sources, D'Alessio has had his eye trained on several prospects in Newark City Hall where it is said mayor James is only lukewarm to the suggestion of one of his assistants transferring to the county.

We suggest again that one of the most capable people for the chief of staff is Danny Gibson, the former clerk to the Board of Freeloaders. Gibson is currently an aide to East Orange Mayor David Cooper and may not want to leave that position.

But if D'Alessio really wants someone who knows the county political terrain, one with contact from municipal officials to the governor's office to the White House, Danny Gibson the guy who can cover it all on a personal and professional basis.

Of course, Danny buried a few bridges behind him when he left the clerk's job, but what the heck. Everybody knows there are neither permanent nor permanent enemies among politicians. So Tom D'Alessio could do a lot worse than bring Danny Gibson back into county government.

And that's how I see it for now.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We plan to use truth squads to counter CBC [Congressional Black Caucus] propaganda and disinformation"

Milton Blins

Chairman, Council of 100 Organization of Black Republicans who support Clarence Thomas

Thanks to Florio

Dear Editor:

Thanks to Governor Florio and the New Jersey State Democrats' close work with New Jersey Transit, there will be no fare hikes, for the first time in four years, this year.

After years of skyrocketing fares, New Jersey Transit has agreed not to raise their fares at the same time maintaining all routes and services.

This action is a credit to the Democratic legislators which

passed the latest budget that allows for this halt to continuously rising fares.

Keeping the N.J. Transit fares down is good for everyone in New Jersey. We should be thankful for the hard work and intelligent exemplified by everyone involved in keeping New Jersey an affordable place to live.

Ida Williams Newark

Miseducation and Miseducators-imperfect together

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our children are still achieving the results that are capable of obtaining. Leading to the question asked over and over again - why not?

It is not ridiculous for parents concerned citizens and taxpayers to expect that our children are receiving a quality education. When the salaries for administrators and teachers are carefully examined, I don't think that a case could be made any longer as to why in the State of New Jersey states haven't been taken to address this area. While excellent teachers and administrators can be paid enough money for all of the extra work and time they devote to their job, the fact remains that the majority of our paid professionals aren't providing the kind of results which

would continue to warrant huge pay increases. Yet, the cry for more money continues to be raised, and when we issue of accountability comes up, a strange silence is heard.

After the silence, a long time is usually given as to why our students aren't performing well. Usually the students are blamed, or their parents, and the lack of money is cited. While the lack of parental involvement and support is a definite problem that must be addressed, to blame the students for the condition; in which they find themselves, is to truly blame the victim. Since the students don't have a union to represent them, they remain the scapegoats for individuals who lack the professional pride and commitment to do whatever is necessary to help the stu-

dents excel.

With the psychological and emotional pressure that many students are forced to endure, it's a wonder that so many stay sane as they do. To keep talking about this when they are not getting at home is useless. If one is going to work in a setting where that reality is a constant, one must have the ability to either accept this fact and deal with it, or get out.

But that's the rub. Many individuals would rather keep complaining about the student and the parents, and spend the majority of their time doing so than leave. They keep collecting nice pay-

checks, and use the urban districts as their training ground. As soon as they get the experience, many move to suburban school districts. If they can find one to hire them. Those who stay, just keep bitching and complaining, making life miserable for the students, and destroying the achievement.

These individuals usually are always running to the union with one type of complaint or another. Most gripes from these people have nothing to do with making improvements for the benefit of the students but deal with how the rules and procedures can be made easier for them. They make life

miserable for the teachers, and administrators who do care, because they cast a negative light on the entire educational community.

The message is really simple: If we don't want to teach our children, get the hell out! If you can't love and respect our children, we don't want you! If you don't believe our children can achieve - you are of no use to us! This goes for teachers and administrators alike, whatever their background, or experience. Either resign, retire, or take a leave. Just go!

I'm tired of hearing about what can't be done. I expect professionals who are supposed to

have the vision, skills, imagination and energy, to make it happen. If the problem is low parental involvement, then it is the responsibility of the professionals to develop strategies and plans to address this area, so it can happen. If the problem is lack of funds, then efforts must be made to mobilize the community to lobby and call on their legislators and other elected officials to work on getting more money.

If the professionals can't do so much more things, then it's time to get rid of them, and select new leadership.

So far, the professionals have not been able to do so much more things, then it's time to get rid of them, and select new leadership.

Child Watch...

Best friends help each other avoid too-early sex

by Marian Wright Edelman

How are guys and girls different in love? What are some lines guys use on girls to get them to have sex? Why are some girls vulnerable?

These are some of the things that 11- to 15-year-old girls talk about with each other and with their women mentors in the Best Friends program in two elementary schools and a junior high in Washington, D.C. Established by the Georgetown University Child Development Center, the program's goal is to encourage girls to support each other in the decision not to become sexually active until after high school.

"We stress that the teenage years should be a happy and positive time, free of anxiety and fear that sexual encounters inevitably create," says Elaine Bennett, Best Friends program director, who, together with Phyllis Magrab, M.D., the Georgetown University's director, designed the program.

Initially the developers thought about putting Best

Friends in the high schools, says program coordinator Andrea Massengale. But high school students said the message was coming too late. "I think that you should present the program to younger people," one girl said. Many girls our age (15-16) have already been "forced" into having sex and wanted to be able to say "no." The girls agreed, however, that peer support was a key to prevention. "A friend's support is very important with a girl's decisions," said another girl. "I think often the only reason girls do have sex in high school is because of pressure from peers and a lack of support from friends."

So Best Friends starts with girls in the sixth grade, then continues the program through junior high. Since the program began four years ago, no girl participating in Best Friends has gotten pregnant.

The girls become part of a strong network of friends who meet several times a month with a trained counselor to talk about friendship, love and dating, responsible decision-making, and

self-respect. In addition, each girl asks a teacher whom she likes to become her mentor and meet with her at least 45 minutes each week to talk.

Angela Rice, an English teacher at Jefferson Junior High School, is the Best Friends school coordinator and a mentor to several students. One of the girls she mentors is a twin who was very angry and lashed out at everyone.

"When we talked," says Ms. Rice, she broke down and cried. "I felt she wasn't as smart as her twin, but everyone expected her to be. She was really down on herself and was even contemplating suicide. No one had given her the opportunity to talk about why she was so angry."

Ms. Rice and the girl talked through the girl's concerns, then together they invited the girl's parents to come in and talk. "Once the parents realized the girl's feelings, they were much more tolerant," says Ms. Rice. The mentor also made sure the girl got glasses and special tutoring to bring up her grades. Now she is doing much better and is

very close to her twin.

The girls also have regular opportunities during their group meetings to talk with successful women in the community. Kay James and Deborah DuCre of the One-to-One Foundation, which supports mentoring programs, visited several Best Friends groups not long ago. Both women found the girls' responsiveness and enthusiasm for the program heartening - "not to mention all the hugs," says Ms. James. The program means the world to the girls," says DuCre. "I could see it in their relationships with their mentors and in the way they related to each other."

With a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Best Friends is expanding into schools in Denver, Los Angeles, and Dade and Broward counties in Florida. For more information, contact Andrea Massengale, 2233 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Suite 215, Washington, D.C. 20007.

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CAN'T DOUCH THIS

Jazzy Jeff & Fresh Prince Are All That

by Terry Benjamin

Coming out of a Philadelphia tradition that includes "old school" rappers Grandmaster Nell and M.C. Ceaser, The Grandmasters of Funk, and "new school" rappers like Three Times Dope, Schoolly D and Steady B, D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince have a lot to say on the love tip. "The Things That U Do" has Prince rapping about obsessive love while "Caught In The Middle (Love & Life)" explains his personal philosophy on love and life. Prince raps:

Think of love and life as rock and hard a place
Exhilarating like a high speed car chase
Heartbeat and heartache cuts like a knife
Caught in the middle of love and life

Anita Ward's 70's hit "Ring My Bell" is reworked as an invitation from the Fresh Prince as he explains it. "You're a princess, baby! You deserve a prince." This love persona is continued on the jazz influence. "This Boy Is Smooth," a track that has Jazzy Jeff rapping, confirming Prince's estimation of himself.

"One girl for me ain't never been enough," Prince admits on "A Dog Is Dog" and then wonders why a singing female chorus comments "A dog is a dog, a dog is a dog." But because this is all done in a comic spirit, that track is not demeaning.

A rapper's delight and another classic from this bestselling duo is "Summertime," a track that has Prince rapping over the smooth jazz of Kool and the Gang's



Extra, extra, read all about it Fresh Prince is back
You wondered how'd it happen I wasn't rapping for a long time
Now I'm back with a strong rhyme

Fresh Prince

I'm All That

"Summer Madness." Images of summer include basketball games, barbecues, children playing, family reunions, car washing, and hanging out as Prince raps: "There's an air of love and happiness! And this is Fresh Prince's new definition of summer madness."

Jazzy Jeff revives Rick James' "Give It To Me Baby" to support the Fresh Prince's rhyme on "I'm All That," a track that discusses the double edged sword of success. "I'm a rapper and a half, in the past I chose to make people laugh and I was criticized for that. Some called me soft, some called me wack! I gotta admit I felt bad. So as usual I called my Dad." His father helps him put everything into the proper perspective as Prince reports: "He sat

me down and told me this: "When you're all that you're gonna get diss."

An obvious attempt at an image change is on "You Saw My Blinks," a track about a car accident involving Prince and another driver. Prince raps: "The only thing stopped me from breaking her nose/Was I was 21, she was 90 years old." This track probably meant to be humorous but it is a mean-spirited to elicit anything but a titter.

A track easier to take is the inspired silliness of "Dumb Dancin'." Now what's a dumb dance you might ask? Well, let me take you to my dumb dancin' class. It's called Dumb Dance 101

That's where we teach smart people how to be dumb.

Always on the look out for new voices in rap, rap fans can hear stars of incoherent El-Sid and Jazzy Fresh on "Trapped On The Dance Floor," a track that samples from Colonel Abrams' dance hit "Trapped" and also contains rapping from Prince and Jeff.

One of the highlights of this set is the all in fun rap narrative "Who Stole The DJ." Fresh Prince the detective raps: I got the call about 11:15 12 o'clock, arrived on the scene Looked around and things were ill

The party was at a dead standstill People stifle around, no music The situation was somewhat confusing

But I'm a detective I know right away what happened Somebody stole the DJ.

After chasing clues and rescuing the DJ, who just happens to be Jazzy Jeff, all ends well as Prince raps: "Another criminal off the streets/Another DJ back to his beats/ Walked in the club and I was happy to say: 'Ladies and gentlemen, here's your DJ.'"

"Who Stole The DJ" contains all the humor, poetic creativity, great music, and good spirit fans expect from DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince. The only mis-step on the new album "Homebase" is when Prince tries to go hard core. In a field that is becoming too crowded with self same foul mouthed rappers a fresh Prince of rap is muchappreciated. DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince have the potential to be "all that" and more if they follow the easy going course that has brought them the benefits of TV's Fresh Prince of Bel Air and an ever growing population of young and old fans.

Boyz in the Hood, just a beginning

by April Willford

I thought Boyz N the Hood was an excellent movie. It was very good and so emotional. I don't personally care across any of these happenings like these teenagers did on a daily basis.

Teaching boys to be men is hard, but no one can do it better than a man. Single mothers do excellent under the circumstances, but only a man can make a man. True, any boy can imitate a woman, but a man raises his children teaching and guiding them in the right way.

It's strange when you think about it. This country where every man is supposed to be treated equally, can find money to fight a war. But can't or should I say won't control or better yet stop the guns being bought and sold and the infiltration of drugs in this country.

It's also creepy to see how in all the "nice" white neighborhoods we occasionally have all problems being publicized. I say occasionally because once in a while some white boys buy-out and beat or kill someone. Even if they go to trial and are found guilty it's a minor crime, then they walk free among their kind. Why? They can't possibly live so carefree, while the rest of the mixed and predominantly black towns have so many crimes to talk about and exaggerate.

If World Peace is "wanted" by the majority, why is it so hard to obtain? In this country, I thought majority ruled, am I wrong? Just something to make you say hmmm? Obviously it is not wanted by those in a position to

change it.

We as African Americans are the strongest race of people ever made. Think about it. Native Americans were enslaved at one point, how many of them exist today? We were kept as slaves for centuries. And we are still here! You can't tell me we are not the strongest race of people ever to walk the face of the planet.

Are we strong, why can't we unite and take over? Think for a minute. If humans were made from dirt and God formed Adam, then from his rib came Eve, we must be the original people. Who's closer to the soils of the earth Caucasians or African Americans? What will kill you the salt or the pepper? Read between the lines and believe half of what you see and none of what you hear!

One last question - why are we oppressed? A prime example of oppression happened in my own town, Teaneck, New Jersey. Philip Pannell, where is the thing that murdered? Why aren't we protesting, marching, chanting, "NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE!" It worked for Martin Luther King and it will work for us as well. Why did we stop marching for him? This can't be just another wasteful life, he died for something senseless and we can't stop now! We must always stay together and do what is right. And marching is right! I can't do it by myself but we as African Americans can. Please don't shy away and forget what happened to a young brother. INCREASE THE PEACE!!

The author is a 14-year-old ninth grader from Teaneck.

Newark student participates in Minorities Journalism Workshop

LAWRENCEVILLE — Laaron T. Phipps, a senior at Barren High School in Newark, is one of 16 students from around the state that participated in the 13th annual Hugh N. Boyd Minorities Journalism Workshop at Rider College in Lawrenceville this summer.

The workshop, which ran from July 7-19, was designed to provide the students with rigorous

training and hands-on experience in many areas of journalism including writing, reporting, editing and graphic design.

Phipps, editor-in-chief for his school's newspaper, the Acropolis News, was recommended for the workshop by his journalism advisor, John A. Casella.

The workshop's goal is to create awareness and interest in journalism as a profession, as mi-

norities are alarmingly unrepresented in the field.

A survey conducted by last year's workshop found that minority representation in the newsrooms of New Jersey's daily newspaper stands at a mere 8.4 percent.

"In today's global changing society, it is essential that the diversity of our nation be repre-

sented into the nation's newsrooms," said Dr. Thomas Simonet, a Rider journalism professor who has directed the workshop for 10 of its 13 years.

"Engaging students in this program, and similar programs like it around the country, is an effective way to bring some of the best and the brightest minority students into the business," he added.

College brings hi-tech equipment to high schools

WAYNE — High school teachers from districts throughout Wayne County are bringing advanced biotechnology techniques and equipment into their classrooms through a unique partnership with William Paterson College.

Now in its second year, WPC's Summer Institute in Biotechnology for Secondary School Teachers is providing instruction in biotechnology which the high school teachers can then incorporate into their districts' science curricula. To facilitate hands-on instruction in the high schools, WPC also provides participating teachers with access to a fully equipped mobile laboratory for two weeks during the school year.

The program was developed jointly by college science faculty and local high school teachers and is presented by WPC faculty and master teachers from participating school districts. It is supported in part by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Higher Education.

Back for another two weeks of intensive exposure to biotechnology, teachers who participated in last summer's pilot program report their students "enthusiastic" about performing sophisticated tests using state-of-the-art equipment. "Most of the school districts could not afford to own even one of these instruments," said Dr. Jane

Voss, professor of biology at WPC and Institute coordinator.

Teachers Diane LaCorte of Lodi High School and Miguel Rivas of Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair agree, saying that their students learned to respect the equipment and obtained a greater understanding of technology.

Barbara Nadoly of Morris-town High School said her AP (Advanced Placement) biology students were "fascinated" after enzymatically dissecting bacterial and viral DNA.

Responding to their interest, Nadoly has brought many of her students to tour WPC, where, she said "they are impressed by the science faculty and facilities."

Richard Greene of the High School of Red Bank, an alternative secondary school located in Newark, found that the biotech program offers "flexibility and the opportunity to adjust the curriculum" to the needs of his diverse pool of students. "It is a different type of learning - high tech," he said, "which introduces my students to career possibilities they might never have considered."

Ginger Nathanson of Sparta High School, a first time participant said that programs such as these are very important in terms of producing future scientists, researchers, and technicians.

Institute leaders Miryam Warshaw and Robert Channey, professors of biology at WPC, have been impressed by the enthusiasm of both new and returning participants.

"For a program like this to work," said Warshaw, "you need teachers who are dedicated to providing top quality experiences to their students."

Summer safari at the Central Park Zoo

NEW YORK — The Central Park Zoo's education department has offered a special four-day summer safari at the zoo for 9-12 year olds, beginning Monday, July 29th.

On four consecutive days (through August 1), from 1 to 4 p.m. each afternoon, participants will learn about wildlife as they explore the zoo's scenic Tropical Territory, and investigate the Polar Circle.

Kids will practice being young

zoologists as they study the animals in replicas of their natural habitats and learn to observe animal behavior with a zoo instructor.

The Central Park Zoo offers a full range of discount live animal

about wildlife and conservation. The fall/winter 1991-92 schedule of classes begins in October. Please call the Education Department at (212) 495-6538 for a course brochure.



Yvonne L. Finne, Director, NAACP Youth and College Division, welcomes Sam Ham, Mayor of Public Relations and Community Programs at the 82nd NAACP National Convention in Houston, Tex. Phipps sponsored the annual luncheon and also provided scholarship funds to students through the program. The company was singled out by Benjamin Hooks, National Director of the NAACP, for its help in underwriting the Spingarn Awards Dinner where General Colin L. Powell, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Department of Defense presented the prestigious Spingarn Medal. Calling the evening "a humbling experience," Powell said, "Two climbed and I've climbed well and I will never forget that I climbed on the backs of the contributions and the blood and the sacrifices of those who came before me."

Kid's Kalendar

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
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NORTH BRANCH — The Magic Sky, a 30-minute star show designed for ages 4-5 which teaches children to find the four directions using the stars and to identify the constellations at 2 p.m. in the Planetarium. Reservations required. Tickets: \$4. Call 908-231-8805.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

PLAINFIELD — Black Gold African Cultural Arts Center presents A Children's Conference/Festival, featuring relay races, obstacle courses, music, poetry and refreshments will be held at Rushmore Field, West 3rd St., from 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Get Ready For PTA's clubhouse

The Mangosuthu Buthelezi millions don't know

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That is three times the size of ANC's membership! The despite the fact that INKATHA has often been held suspect by the regime and frequently harassed and threatened by the police, Buthelezi's diplomacy prevailed over these setbacks.

Despite government opposition and black rivalry, Chief Buthelezi's star keeps on ascending higher and higher in the firmament of black political and national leadership. All, despite bitter racial animosity of the regime, black opposition, and even threats of assassination.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi is a versatile and dogged fighter. He has been always persistent and unflinching in his battle against apartheid. He is a born leader.

Contrary to wild rumor, he isn't a nominee of the regime, but was nominated by ANC and his own Zulu nation to lead Kwa-Zulu and the black nation when all Blacks were forced to accept the "Homelands Policy." Later, Buthelezi opposed the regime's "Independent Homelands Policy" when Kaiser Matanzima, Lucas Mangope, Patrick Mphahlele and Lennox Sebe accepted that trump card of apartheid, and turned the Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and the Ciskei into "Independent Homelands," excluding them from South African citizenship. Buthelezi saved all of black South Africa from becoming non-South African. Was he a puppet? Never!

With might and main, Mangosuthu Buthelezi has assailed every piece of apartheid discriminatory legislation from 1960 through 1991, and has never allowed a day to go by without

fighting the regime who holds his people down in abject subjugation. And although he was always at the regime's throat, he constantly reminded among his people in their liberation struggles.

Together with Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Oliver Tambo and others, he was for many years a staunch member of ANC. With these men, he fought many bitter battles against South Africa's extreme racism. And, when Mandela was finally jailed, he kept in touch with him by correspondence, and later fought tooth and nail to have him released. But, after Mandela's re-

lease last year, the regime made it impossible for the two friends to get together, until very recently.

Ferred by white foes and black position-seekers alike, Buthelezi displayed exceptional powers of fighting back, political experience, vision, patriotism, charisma, leadership expertise, diplomacy, humanitarianism, and love of democracy. He always feels for the hungry, poor and oppressed individually, and daily tries to come to their rescue. For that reason, he opposes the imposition of sanctions against South Africa because they cause unemployment which hurts his people.

When apartheid triumphed, and everything looked bleak for black liberation, Buthelezi was there with his people, and filled them with hope of better days ahead. Finally, he turned the INKATHA cultural organization into a FREEDOM PARTY to end apartheid.

Perhaps Buthelezi's greatest achievement is IPP. But his Ntali-Kwa-Zulu non-racial democratic constitution will probably become the model for a future South African constitution.

This is the Mangosuthu G. Buthelezi millions of people do not know so well.

Debates over Thomas

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a questionable almost unanimous vote last week. Bins declared, "The Congressional Black Caucus does not speak for all African-Americans. . . (They) must make up their own minds about Judge Thomas (and) that can only take place when people have all relevant facts, which the Senate confirmation hearings will provide."

The reportedly unanimous vote by the 27 member body with only one Republican member dissenting is being questioned because several CBC members reportedly were not present. Bins emphasized, "I know that thoughtful, fair Americans will see through this political play and will render judgement about Judge Thomas until they get all

the facts" he concluded.

An early Thomas supporter, the Council wrote President Bush before the public announcement requesting that the chief executive consider the candidate for the nomination to the nation's highest court. The group discussed strategy to support the nomination at a luncheon with members of the Republican National Committee, Bins confirmed. "We are here to share that strategy and develop action plans with you and the American people," he said.

"We plan to use 'truth squads' to counter CBC propaganda and disinformation," he said.

Founded in 1974 by the late civil rights activist, Samuel C. Jackson, former assistant secretary

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Council seeks ways to thwart drug dealers' public phone usage

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drugs. The Council has a contract with New Jersey Bell (NJB) to provide coin operated phones in public areas throughout the city.

Bradley, who was joined by Councilman-at-Large Guy Harris, stated that the council members have been bombarded with citizen complaints about young juveniles who congregate where there are coin operated public phones. He noted that at church, school and civic association meetings, residents have voiced the same complaint about public phones being monopolized. He said, "Activity usually starts at about 5 p.m. and continues into the night. Decent folk, and especially senior citizens are harassed by these phones."

Responding to Harris' question about replacing the touch tone phones with rotary dial units which do not respond to beepers

— a mainstay of the drug trade, Arthur Heckel, Manager of Public Communications for NJB, produced samples of new electronic devices designed to circumvent rotary phones. The devices, which are not NJB products, are inexpensive and can be bought anywhere.

The meeting brought forth several suggestions that will be explored in the coming weeks. They include: bringing beeper companies into meetings; making areas to determine public need for coin phones; electronic monitoring of calls; cutting off service entirely during peak drug trade hours, and complete removal of public phones in areas where they are known to be used for drug trade. It was agreed that for now, NJB will experimentally program coin phones for outgoing calls only in selected neighbor-

hoods. This action will prevent dealers from getting incoming calls in an effort to interrupt their criminal activities.

In addition, NJB has agreed to help target problem areas and provide the councilmen with a listing of all NJB coin operated phone locations. Many of the coin operated phones are located on private property, and are placed on the outside of storefronts and apartment complexes. Gerald Callahan, Manager of External Affairs for NJB said that they would attempt to encourage store and property owners to move their phones inside their premises.

It was also noted that many coin operated phones have been placed around the city by phone companies other than NJB; approximately 15 such companies are operating in the area, all of which rely on NJB for billing.



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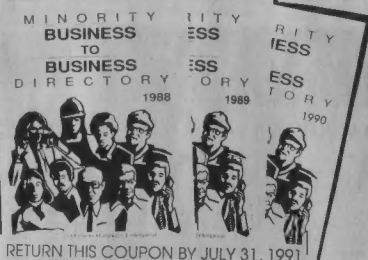
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
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Family Unity Day '91

Gospel legend Dorothy Norwood to appear

NEWARK—On Saturday, August 3, 1991, WNJR Radio 1430 AM, Anheuser Busch and Queenella Brand Chitterlings will present its eleventh annual "Family Unity Day" celebration and Gospel Legend Dorothy Norwood will perform.

The event will take place in Newark's Weequahic Park from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. "Family Unity Day '91" is an all day fun-filled event, in celebration of the family. Organized activities are scheduled and are broadcast live throughout the day. Other guests stars to perform will be locally and nationally acclaimed entertainers such as: Rev. Charles Banks, Bishop Jeff Banks and Revival Temple Mass Choir, Rapture, The Bibbittes, Adeva, Nicki Richards, Marion Meadows, plus many more who will perform a variety of music from gospel, jazz, R & B, contemporary etc. Other acts will include Shoo Shoo The Clown and Rocky Jones Wrestlers.

"Family Unity Day '91" takes place in a carnival-like setting with local business merchants and community members manning more than fifty concession and in-

formation booths. Exhibited and/or sold will be everything from food to furniture, ice cream to automobiles, toys, balloons, jewelry, African goods and more.

Among our supporters are Neilson, Ruche and Carter, Affordable Pura, East Orange General Hospital, Vista Rent To Own, Crossroads Ford, Ronald Thompson, Ego, The U.S. Army, Sabir's Steak and Take, Poo's Desserts, PSE&G, The Mayor's Office of Employment Training, Parkway Apartments, King Sabu, Churchman Funeral Home, Sansone Galleria, Newark, Office of Re-

cycling, Random Access Records, Union Center National Bank, Culture Shock and others.

The entire day is filled with fun, food and excitement. Local dignitaries will also stop by to say hello to the crowd and various artists will sign autographs.

Last year's attendance was estimated at 20,000 people. This year's event promises to be just as much if not more fun because as always, "Family Unity Day" is a day full of frolic, entertainment, and family fun in the park and is FREE to the public.



Enmen Corporation models show off African fashions by Nigerian designer Nkiru (left) Exaltel during a recent fashion show to benefit Lighthouse Community Services.

Bill Cosby to Salute Crossroads Theater

NEW BRUNSWICK—Bill Cosby will help Crossroads Theater Company usher in a new era this fall when it opens its 14th season in a new 264-seat theater at 7 Livingston Avenue in the heart of the New Brunswick Cultural Center.

In addition to Cosby, poet/playwright Ntozake Shange and three world premier productions will highlight the inaugural season in the company's new home.

A gala benefit performance by Cosby, one of America's best known and most admired performers, will mark the official opening of the new building on Friday October 25. Cosby will present four additional shows for Crossroads on Saturday and Sunday October 26 and 27, at the nearby 1,867-seat State Theater at 19 Livingston Avenue.

Cosby's appearance on behalf of Crossroads is being seen as a gesture that recognizes the company as one of the country's leading African-American theaters.

"Crossroads Theater is another vital point where African-American culture can display its

wealth and diversity," Cosby said. "I am happy to be sharing in what I hope will be the start of an exciting new center for this powerful art form."

Crossroads' new \$4 million theater marks the culmination of a dream that began more than 13 years ago, when the company took up residence in a century-old former garment factory, known as the King Block building, at 320 Memorial Parkway. Challenged by a performing space with a massive support beam in its center, the company persevered in its mission to create a home for African American actors, playwrights, and designers so they could develop and present their art to audiences. Crossroads also has striven to "build bridges of understanding" among people through the presentation of work by and about blacks.

The company has premiered several acclaimed works and as the largest African-American theater company in the country, it is also recognized as one of the leaders in developing and producing theatrical works for the American theater.

Harlem Theater to make debut

NEW YORK—The newly formed American Theatre in Harlem founded a year ago by Artistic Director, Hal DeWint and Executive Director, Joseph L. Persons will open its first season with the production of "Ossie Davis," "Parle Victorians" at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th Street on Saturday August 17 and 18 for two performances. The balance of the engagement will continue at the Oberia Dempsey Center on West 128th Street, which is where the

theater company is based, through September 8, 1991. A fall season is scheduled including: "A View from the Bridge," "Dream Girls," and "Dream on Monkey Mountain."

Through presentations of family-oriented dramatic productions, the American Theatre in Harlem is planning to bring a spirit of home and renewal to the community.

For ticket prices and information please call, 212-978-4099.

Healthy picnics take advance planning

by Gerri McKay, R.D., M.Ed.

Summer is a great time to picnic in the park or at the beach. But heat promotes bacterial growth in foods. Storing perishable food at the right temperature and washing hands before handling any food are two important ways to prevent contamination that can result in food poisoning.

Here are a few tips for assuring that the food you bring stays fresh all day:

Plan the menu and buy the food the day before so that perishable food items can be refrigerated at home for at least 12 hours. The colder the food when packed in the cooler, the longer it stays fresh.

When shopping, perishable foods should be the last items put in the grocery cart. If a make several errands to run, make grocery shopping the final errand so that the food does not sit in a hot car.

If the plans include barbecuing poultry or pork, cook it thoroughly the day before and place it immediately in the refrigerator to prevent bacterial growth. Do not take the food out until it is ready to be packed into the cooler.

When packaging the cooked meat, and uncooked hamburgers or hot dogs, make several small packages rather than a large one. That way, if people are eating all day or in shifts, they will be able to take out one package at a time. If milk is brought along, it should be poured into several small thermoses.

Surround perishable food with packs of ice in insulated coolers. If coolers are not available, take fruits, vegetables, hard cheese, canned or dried meats or fish, cereal, bread, peanut butter and crackers. Bring unopened bottles of condiments or dressings. If the bottles have been opened, even though stored in your refrigerator, the contents are more susceptible to spoiling because of bacterial contamination. Try to limit dairy-based food like dips and desserts, but if they are brought, they should be kept in the closed cooler.

Bring plenty of liquids, especially for children and the elderly. Bring an unopened bag of ice for cooling drinks. Do not drink the water produced by the melted ice in the coolers because it could contain contaminants from the outer packaging of the food the

ice has been cooling.

Transport the coolers in the passenger area of the car because the trunk retains heat. At the picnic spot, keep the coolers in the shade even if it means bringing a beach umbrella. Keep the lid on the cooler and do not take the food out until it is ready to be cooked. Plan specific times for eating if possible so that food is not left out all day. Bring extra aluminum or plastic wrap to keep foods covered.

Bring pre-moistened towlettes for washing hands in case there is no water. Use disposable plates and flatware. If the plastic utensils are to be reused, wash them in hot, soapy water. Bring a pre-soaked, wet sponge in a plastic bag.

Third Annual Senior Picnic

ORANGE—Mayor Robert L. Brown's Third Annual Senior Citizen Picnic is to be held at the Orange Reservoir, Wednesday, August 7, 1991. The picnic, co-sponsored by the Orange Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and the Office of Older Adults promises to be a smashing event. Older adults will be treated to an "Electric Slide" demonstration, music, food, and fun.

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Git along lil' doggies

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — As the Washington-based issues of the Clarence Thomas nomination and economic sanctions against South Africa being lifted, many African-Americans interested in their own, and The Race's, advancement are concerned their intent is to "go along to get along."

People who are interested in "gitin' along" are intending to go along with the Supreme Court appointment of Clarence Thomas. They understand that even the nomination of Thomas was in and of itself a "Presidentially perceived" statement of African-American clout and just dues. By right of voting patterns, population growth factors and political linkages, President Bush should have selected an Hispanic woman candidate. But due to his sense of tradition for a black justice seat and the availability of an African-American conservative with an up from poverty background, Bush "perceived" that the Thomas appointment would be a masterstroke that would help him on all sides of the fence.

Lil' doggies like the Congressional Black Caucus and NAACP board have come out against Thomas because he is not a liberal Democrat. By right these politicians and civil rights people should thank God for the appointment, and try to take advantage of Bush's "perceived" thoughts about the clout of the African-American population. If they knock down the Thomas appointment, who do these people who refuse to go along expect to get in the second go-round? Although Clarence Thomas is no great legal intellect, he is still a black man who has not lived a day

in America without realizing and feeling that important legal and social fact. The people who are going along with the Thomas nomination understand that here is a man who still knows what it is like to be stopped by a cop on a back road, or alley, at 3 o'clock in the morning. The people of color in this country trying to get into a position in which they, and their kind, are better off than they were before have no doubt that Thomas personally knows the shortcomings that his brothers, cousins, and former playmates experience in "gitin' a job, health care, accepted or justice. Those who doubt Thomas discount the fact that he does not come to this job in a vacuum. Although he has gone along to get along in his previous bureaucratic positions, when he dons the black robes that assure him of a life-time of laying his own legacy, Thomas will be a credit to his background and race.

On the other hand, the lifting of sanctions against South Africa has caused many lil' doggies in America to howl about the "political imperative" they feel is necessary there. People who are going along with the sanctions deal also believe that transforming white-ruled South Africa into a multi-racial democracy is necessary and will actually happen in the next 2 years. In the meantime, there is a pressing need for clear and committed thinking about the direction of post-apartheid economic programs and policies. People really concerned about the people we "saw" we were helping there know that while blacks will inherit the top political positions in South Africa, most of the business structure could remain as before. If a black is elected president there tomorrow, the flow of wealth and op-

portunities for education, housing and social services will still be beyond the reach of most black South Africans. Unless the living standards of the masses of South Africa improve, the equitable society sought in the concept of one man,

one vote, will remain a distant cry of "We have a dream."

The issue now is to seek and support the Supreme Court appointment of Thomas. That being done, African-Americans would do better to pay attention to what we

City won't speculate on Mutual Benefit

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the company or the city.

"Mutual Life has played a big role in the community and everyone hopes they can survive this situation," Chomard said.

He did say that the city will continue their support of the company.

"As far as we're concerned, they're not going away," he said. "It is an unfortunate situation as they have provided a lot of leadership to the community."

Mayor Sharpe James also assured Mutual Life's CEO Harry Kaes, James said that the company is a valued city resident and commended them for so much of their assistance in the city's rebirth.

James said he understands the company's problem and is sure that its outstanding leaders will be able to help it to overcome what has happened.

In a press release the Mayor said even though he and his staff are saddened by the recent events,

can do to increase our own job opportunities, bank loans, and domestic commercial and residential developments during the recession period. In South Africa, we should help organize broadly-based wealth creating and distributive forces that will deliver growth, stability and economic justice. People going along with the new South Africa will be seeking investment opportunities there in black-owned transportation, manufacturing, agriculture, entertainment and service industries.

Debates over Thomas

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tary for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Council of 100 was established to facilitate the involvement of black Americans in all activities of the Republican party. While criticizing the CBC for following a strictly partisan line on the Thomas appointment, Bush declared he is "proud of the role the Council has played in the Republican party for more than a decade. It will continue to make evident the black perspective within the party and to advance the participation of black Republicans in political and governmental affairs."

He said he doesn't expect all African-Americans to march in

lock-step with his leaders. Our people are too diverse in their thinking, except we are all against oppression... It was noted that militant Washington Informer Publisher Calvin Rolak, an outspoken self-help advocate has also endorsed Thomas.

The current controversy over the Thomas appointment, said Bush, is similar to the debates of over 30 years ago over the "conservative views of presidentialism, Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute and the National Business League philosophy of independent community development, versus the distinctive, uncompromising approach of W.E.B. DuBois.

Business in the Black...

A credit card is either denied or spied on

Congress must control credit information

by Charles E. Belle

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — "Neither a borrower nor a lender be," said Will Shakespeare. From the looks of the nation's lenders, the individual should be more than bemused by the Bard's words. We should practice it if we cherish our privacy. Putting information on a credit card application, and indeed today even making a credit card purchase puts your personal business in the street. Some of us may not however get such an exalted status as many lenders have stopped issuing credit cards or even making loans based on bad reporting by credit bureaus and not by an individual's real credit risk.

The U.S. economy is indicating that it may have bottomed out back in May, but reveals very lit-

tle in the way of rebound. It is likely to be late October before the statistical facts are in to state an end to the economic decline. The damage has however already been done to both business and individuals' credits. There has already been a record number of business and individual bankruptcies. Bankruptcies in New England were up so bad at 80 percent that one bank cut off credit to 7,800 cardholders — half of whom were current on their obligations.

Other banks have refused credit based on faulty credit profiles from even the big three U.S. credit bureaus. But that is not the only bad news. No one who has a credit card or calls about an account at discount broker Charles Schwab & Co. is fully aware that these companies are selling a list including their name. National card issuers have been renting their lists at about \$2 per account. A "never leave home without it" company would not stoop so low as to rent its list! However, target marketing in joint ventures based on your actual purchases is permitted. Perhaps you thought it was just by chance they chose to offer you a deal on items you frequently purchased!

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Office Phones - (908) 634-2770</p> <p>Requests for Proposal Forms (RFP) may be obtained by contacting:</p> <p>MADLINE COOK, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Phone No. (908) 634-2750 (908) 634-2752</p> <p>All proposals will be reviewed according to the "Competitive Proposal" process outlined in the HUD Procurement Handbook, 7480.8 and HUD Notice PH 90-47. The Authority has attached a proposal rating system which will be used to evaluate all proposals received in response to this Request for Proposals (R.F.P.)</p> <p>John Szilagyi, PHM Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge</p>	INVITATION FOR BID MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY <p>THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will receive bids for "Replacement of Exhaust Fans" at Rockaway Senior Citizens Housing and Randolph Senior Citizens Housing, 99 Ketch Road, Morristown, New Jersey at 2 p.m. on August 13, 1991, at the office of the Housing Authority, 99 Ketch Road, Morristown, New Jersey. 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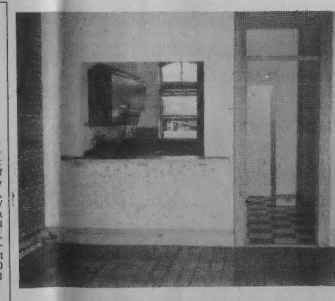
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